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TAGS: ASEC, UR US

SUBJECT:SOVIET EMBASSY'S COUNSELOR'S WIFE DETAINED

1. WIFE OF SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR IGOR BOBNOV WAS  
DETAINED BY LORD AND TAYLOR DEPARTMENT STORE SECURITY  
POLICE UPON LEAVING STORE AT APPROXIMATELY 1600 JANUARY  
19 REPORTEDLY AFTER HAVING SECRETED FOUR ITEMS OF WOMENS  
CLOTHING VALUED AT DOLLARS 115 (ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN  
DOLLARS) IN A SHOPPING BAG. LORD AND TAYLOR SECURITY  
POLICE CALLED METROPOLITAN POLICE WHO, AFTER DETERMINING  
MRS. BOBNOV'S DIPLOMATIC STATUS, INFORMED HER THAT SHE WAS  
FREE TO LEAVE AT APPROXIMATELY 1630. SHE REFUSED TO LEAVE  
HOWEVER, UNTIL HER HUSBAND ARRIVED AT STORE. AT THAT POINT  
METROPOLITAN POLICE LEFT AND BUBNOV REPORTEDLY BEGAN TO  
QUIZ LORD AND TAYLOR'S EMPLOYEES AS TO REASONS FOR HIS  
WIFE'S DETENTION.

2. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FULL DETAILS OF INCIDENT  
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FROM LORD AND TAYLOR JAN 20, BUT BASED ON BUBNOV'S BEHAVIOR  
AS REPORTED BY METROPOLITAN POLICE , SOVIET EMBASSY  
MAY TRY TO PORTRAY INCIDENT AS DELIBERATE PROVOCATION.  
WE ARE ALERTING YOU IN CASE SOVIETS COMTEMPLA TE SOME RE-  
TALIATION IN MOSCOW. CHRISTOPHER

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